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Chief District Judge B. Lynn Winmill announced that Chief Magistrate Judge Mikel H. Williams and Magistrate Judge Larry M. Boyle will retire in 2008. Judge Winmill noted that “these judges have left an indelible mark on the Federal Judiciary and the people of Idaho. Their hard work and dedication to the Rule of Law have significantly improved the administration of justice in the District of Idaho and throughout the nation.”

Effective March 29, 2008, after completing 24 years of outstanding service with the Federal Court, Chief Magistrate Judge Mikel H. Williams will retire. Effective September 27, 2008, Magistrate Judge Larry M. Boyle will retire after having completed more than 16 years of excellent service with the Federal Court and 6 years of service with the State Judiciary.

Chief Judge Winmill reported that the “Ninth Circuit Judicial Council has approved the Recall of Chief Magistrate Judge Williams and it is anticipated that we will receive approval of the Recall of Magistrate Judge Boyle as we approach his retirement date.” Recalled Magistrate Judges may perform the full range of statutory duties on a part-time basis.

Chief United States District Judge B. Lynn Winmill and United States District Judge Edward J. Lodge will appoint a Merit Selection Panel, which will recommend the names of the most qualified applicants to serve as Magistrate Judges. The new Magistrate Judges will be selected by the United States District Judges to succeed retiring Judges Williams and Boyle.

The following briefly summarizes the distinguished careers of Chief Magistrate Judge Mikel H. Williams and Magistrate Judge Larry M. Boyle.

Chief Magistrate Judge Mikel H. Williams

The Honorable Mikel H. Williams was appointed as the first full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Idaho in 1984. He currently is the longest serving judge in the United States District Court.

Prior to his appointment as a Magistrate Judge, Judge Williams was a partner in the Boise law firm of Collins, Manly and Williams. He also served as an Assistant United States Attorney, and served four years of active duty in the United States Army, receiving his commission in the Judge Advocate General Corps.

Chief Magistrate Judge Williams received his undergraduate degree from University of Idaho in 1966, where he received a Research Scholarship from the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation in 1967. He received his law degree from the University of Idaho College of Law in 1969.

Judge Williams is a past chairman of the Ninth Circuit Magistrate Judges Association; a member of the Ninth Circuit Defenders Committee; Chairman of the District Court Local Rules Committee; and a member of the American Inns of Court. Judge Williams holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Retired, United States Army Reserve.

Judge Williams has taught the Practical Skills Seminar for the Idaho Law Foundation since 1987 as well as the Federal Law Updates Program. He has published "The History of the Development and Current Status of the Carey Act in Idaho," Idaho Department of Water Resources, 1967.

He and his wife Lorette have two children. His hobbies include white water rafting, sailing, and skiing.

Magistrate Judge Larry M. Boyle

The Honorable Larry M. Boyle was appointed as a United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Idaho in 1992. Between 2000 and 2007, he served as Chief Magistrate Judge for the District.

Prior to beginning more than twenty years of service in the state and federal judiciaries, Judge Boyle was a co-founding partner in the Idaho Falls law firm of Hansen, Boyle, Beard & Martin, and practiced law at that firm for fourteen years. Judge Boyle also was president of the Seventh Judicial District Bar Association. In 1986, he was appointed as a State of Idaho district judge. In 1989 he accepted an appointment from Governor Cecil Andrus to be an Associate Justice of the Idaho Supreme Court, and several months later he

was re-elected in a statewide election. He served as an Associate Justice until becoming a federal judge in 1992.

Judge Boyle received his undergraduate degree in economics and finance from Brigham Young University in 1968, and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Idaho where he was the recipient of the Maclane Scholarship. While in law school, he was a member of the *Idaho Law Review* and served on its Board of Editors. After graduation from law school in 1972, he served as a law clerk for two Idaho Supreme Court Justices.

While serving as a federal judge, Judge Boyle was chairman of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Magistrate Judges Executive Board from 1995 to 1997 and has served on a variety of Circuit committees during his tenure on the federal bench.

In 1998, Judge Boyle was appointed by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist to the United States Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judges System for a three-year term. In 2001, he was reappointed to a second three-year term. In an unprecedented extension of an appointment to a Federal Judicial Conference Committee, in 2004 Chief Justice Rehnquist extended Judge Boyle's term of service for an additional two years. Among that Committee's responsibilities are considering requests and making recommendations for the creation of judicial positions throughout the United States.

Judge Boyle has written and published extensively in a variety of law review and law journals, including publications by the *Idaho Law Review*, the *Clark Memorandum*, the *Idaho Bar Association* and the *American Bar Association*.

Judge Boyle and his wife Beverly reside in Boise.